

**Attached is Additional Information
for
Agenda Item #19**

**Consideration to Modify Conservation Subdivision and
Urban Fringe Development Policies**

Meeting of Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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STATEMENT OF THE LEON COUNTY COUNTY-WIDE WATER RESOURCES CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners specifically charged the County-Wide Water Resources Citizens Advisory Committee with the responsibility to recommend policies that would strengthen the linkage between water resources and land use. Based on this charge and on information presented by County staff, the Committee has the following comments and recommendations:

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) recently reviewed an agenda item, written by the Tallahassee – Leon County Planning Department (TLCPD) for the April 13, 2010 regular meeting of the Board, entitled “Consideration of Modifying Conservation Subdivision and Urban Fringe Development Policy.” The item seeks Board direction on a report addressing the proposed modification of current conservation subdivision and Urban Fringe land use development policies.

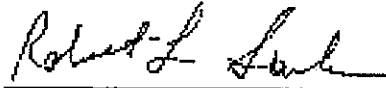
The WRC has been interested in these issues for a significant period of time, based on the potential impacts on ground and surface water resources from development in these areas. The WRC concurs with TLCPD that the existing Urban Fringe development category represents an allocation of residential development well beyond that needed to accommodate the projected population within the horizon of the plan and beyond, and that this overallocation by definition promotes urban sprawl beyond the existing Urban Service Area.

The WRC finds that the TLCPD’s recommended actions have the potential to relieve pressure on the USA, slow sprawl, and promote an appropriate level of development that protects not only water resources, but this region’s character and quality of life, which is necessary to help attract the kinds of private business investment on which we hope to build our economic future.

The WRC commends TLCPD for their analysis and recommended courses of action, and supports their recommendation for the Board to accept the Planning Department’s report on Conservation Subdivisions and the Urban Fringe Future Land Use Map category and to direct the staff to initiate the proposed strategies and recommendations.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above statements were duly approved by the Leon County Countywide Water Resources Citizens Advisory Committee following its meeting on April 5, 2010.



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